

# Cure for Cancer Discovered, Deemed ‘Unprofitable’



PHOTO BY JORDAN WHITLOW

“Why don’t you tell the Make-A-Wish kids why they aren’t going to Disneyland?” said one City of Hope representative.

BY DYLAN TOWNER  
Head Content

After years of research, scientists at the UC San Diego School of Medicine have discovered a cure for cancer, a breakthrough experts are calling “a catastrophic financial disaster.” This cure, attributed to Dr. Elaine Winters and her team of researchers, is projected to be available to the public within six months, giving the medical industry little time to prepare.

“This is everything I’ve ever feared,” said Eugene Carcinos, CEO of City of Hope, one of the top researchers of cancer treatments. “We’ve been pursuing a ‘cure’ for years but frankly, we didn’t really think anyone would actually find it. Us, Roche, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, all the big guys, we’ve been dreading this day for years. Do you know how much the guys at Bristol-Myers

Squibb invested in... alternative solutions to stop this?”

Nearly two million people are diagnosed with cancer in the United States per year alone, with close to 600,000 dying of it annually. These numbers are projected to be slashed nearly 99% by the new cure, which has been dubbed “Canceroll.” It is set to be sold at \$1 per vial due to the drug’s simplicity and ease of administration, and would reportedly cause a loss of profits for pharmaceutical companies by similar margins.

“People celebrating this simply aren’t thinking about the bigger picture,” said Carcinos. “Sure, it’ll be nice to have grandma around for a few more years, but then what are all the radiologists, oncologists, and pharmaceutical executives going to do when there’s nobody left to treat? Think of the economy!”

A joint suit has been filed by City of Hope and a coalition of pharmaceutical giants against

Dr. Winters and her team, citing in their statement “massive layoffs and economic disaster” which they claim will occur as a result of this cure.

“Look folks, we hear you. Curing cancer is nice and all, but it just doesn’t make sense from an economic standpoint,” said Pfizer spokesman Joseph Gooch. “Sure, people will live longer in the short term. But at the end of the day, everyone dies eventually. Money is forever. What do you care about more: a few more years with your mom, or the American GDP? Aren’t you a patriot?”

Several proposed expansions to City of Hope campuses have been paused in the aftermath of the announcement. The non-profit has been operating as a cancer treatment and research center since 1914, and has a \$3.5 billion annual budget. Each year, more building expansions are started and

more raises given to executives, moves which raise eyebrows in activist groups as to the legitimacy of City of Hope’s mission.

An activist organization named People Upset at the Negligence of City of Hope and Their Horrendous Expansion Methods (PUNCHTHEM) released a statement saying, “We strongly condemn the actions of this so-called ‘City of Hope’ in their attempts at blocking this cure whilst also making efforts to expand their already bloated budget and facilities to continue to pretend to work towards a cure. We think they should remove the ‘Hope’ from their name until they cease their fight against it.”

“I hope these people come to their senses soon,” Carcinos later stated off the record. “Because if they don’t, I’m going to need to double my research into countries without extradition policies sooner rather than later.”

# Scripps Institute of Oceanography to Annex Surrounding Beach Homes

BY AMIT ROTH  
Graphics Machine

The Scripps Institute of Oceanography (SIO) annex of UC San Diego reported the completion of further annexation of surrounding land, coinciding with the commencement of the academic year. The secondary Scripps campus initiative aims to increase the facility’s capacity to test water and host under-attended freshman seminars. However, the methods used to acquire said land have been targets of criticism.

The extended Scripps campus is known as SIO2 on official documents. In practice, project planners, biohydrochemists, and “formula haters” alike call it Quartz. Project Quartz relied on the buying out of multiple blocks of residential property. The decrease in housing options caused the median rent to spike by 18% over the course of the summer. According to realtors based in the San Diego area, this is “business as usual” as the spike is within the margin of regular fluctuations of the market,



PHOTO BY AMIT ROTH

“Talk about trickle-down economics — my hardwood is ruined!” said one La Jolla resident.

and “great for us, why would we complain?”

Newly neighboring neighbors of the campus formed picket lines around Scripps’ picket electric fence. Protest chants on the ground of

“Literally in my backyard!” and “If I need to see college students I will get violent!” were joined by students’ sentiments online. “The land wasn’t the campus’ to buy,” argued third-year student Eda Rietzsche

in the Sociology department Discord server. “I mean, it wasn’t the NIMBYs’ either. Will UCSD acknowledge each historic claim under that annex,

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR START OF QUARTER DANCE-OFF

In accordance with the founding principles of the University of California, members of the executive committee, including Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, must defend their positions in a dance-off against challengers at the start of the year. “Tough competition has forced us to practice daily, but luckily, over the summer, we had exclusive access to that spot next to Pacific Hall to practice our death drops and queen-offs,” touted Khosla, leader of the dance team ExeCutes.

During a press conference, the ExeCutes said their top priority was making sure they could stave off

being taken over by their rival dance team KATZ, winner of last year’s dance showcase. “I’d rather die than let those *divas* take my chair. They and their soooo last season dance moves are meant for the retirement home, not the executive office,” said Khosla in an official statement.

When asked why they think they’ll win, Khosla responded, “My face card never declines and my moves leave people gagged, nothing more to it than that and some six-inch stilettos.” Their song line up will include Le Sserafim’s “Crazy,” Lady Gaga’s “Born This Way,” and The Pussycat Dolls’ “When I Grow Up.”

### HELL TO NOW FEATURE ADS

In a bold new update to the afterlife, Satan has announced that Hell will now include advertisements in its landscape of eternal torment. When asked to comment on this change of “biblical proportions,” he said, “Look, I hate ads as much as the next guy. But when my Boeing stock tanked I just couldn’t keep up with the utterly hellish heating bill. PG&E is a cruel mistress, after all.” Ads will soon be plastered over every stalactite and stalagmite in Hell as well as tattooed on every demonic employee.

Reportedly, every “infinitely annoying” type of

advertisement will be featured in this renovation. Damned souls can expect constant infomercials, dystopian tech ads, drug commercials, “relatable” testimonies from corporate monopolies, and even a yearly visit from the Goodyear Blimp as a “special treat.” To finish off his announcement, Satan commented that anyone who can figure out the password to his Amazon Prime account may order any products shown in the advertisements. He added that due to a deal with Jeff Bezos, Amazon now offers instant shipping to the netherworld at no extra cost.

### WEALTHY CHILDREN SCARED OF ‘MIDDLE CLASS MONSTER’

This year, wealthy parents in Beverly Hills are using a new method to scare their children into behaving. Instead of using classic monsters like the Bogeyman, mother of three Tabitha Jerkins says she finds it more effective to talk to her children about the “Middle Class Monster.”

“I always eat my vegetables,” says Hunter Jerkins, age five. “If I don’t, Mommy says the Middle Class Monster is gonna take me away in its Toyota.”

Gwyneth Jerkins, seven, is also frightened by the

Monster. “I can sometimes hear it under my bed at night telling me I have to save money,” she said.

Beef Jerkins, nine, added, “If I’m really bad, the Working Class Ghoul will put me in public school!”

“I think it’s an effective way to teach my children to disassociate from the riffraff outside our gated community,” explained Bill Jerkins, their father. “I guess the supernatural just isn’t as scary as the idea of people we consider below ourselves.”

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GOD BUSY WITH  
OTHER SIDE PROJECTS  
THESE DAYS



MARK ROBINSON SHOCKED  
TO FIND OUT HE IS NOT A  
PEDOPHILE





# Following Ecological Destruction, Fisherman Fishes for Compliments



PHOTO BY FARHAD TARAPOREVALA

“You’re telling me this fertilizer doesn’t make the water grow faster?” asked one fisherman.

BY THEO ERICKSON  
Editor-in-Chief

The loose parking brake of an unattended truck full of nitrogen fertilizer has killed three quarters of a million fish in the Missouri River, and fisherman Hank Korman is turning to a supplemental line of work: fishing for compliments. He says that it pays less than selling a physical good for US currency, and does not offer other benefits either. “I’m such a bad businessman,” he said. “Wouldn’t you say so?”

This is not the first time that agricultural runoff has damaged the health of Iowa’s ecosystems and residents. “Humans cause fish kills quite often — whether with fertilizer, animal waste,

or another chemical — although the scale varies,” said ecologist Amanda Mary, adding, “Scale. Heh. But the stench never changes.”

Residents’ opinions vary on how to prevent products of the agricultural industry from affecting Iowa’s watersheds, and not all solutions need be exclusive. Korman suggested, “Both voluntary improvements and legal restrictions might be necessary to collaborate with farmers on solutions while still enforcing rules that will protect our state’s health. Oh my god, I can’t believe I said that, I would be such a bad policymaker.”

When asked how the 2015 Des Moines Water Works lawsuit against drainage districts has affected him, Korman responded, “The what? Who

cares who pays to suck the nitrates out of the water, when my best friend Sherman dug a two-stage ditch around his farm to reduce discharge? Man, I just can’t get a bite.” At this point Korman began reeling in his line from where he had been fishing. “Maybe it’s how I flick the end of my line. I’m so bad at it. Here, I’ll do it again.”

Despite differences in solutions, most farmers and other Iowa residents agree on limiting water contaminants such as nitrates, excessive exposure to which can cause infant methemoglobinemia, birth defects, and some cancers in addition to ecological destruction. However, Iowa senator Joni Ernst, whose 2014 campaign for senator was funded in part by the Koch

brothers, has said that she personally throws ammonia and copies of the Clean Water Act of 1972 into the Des Moines River because “the dirtier the rivers, the freer the markets.”

River pollution continues to affect Iowans, even though some efforts, such as the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, have recorded improvement over the past two decades. This year, several Iowa environmentalist groups petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action against unsafe nitrate levels in Northeast Iowa’s drinking water, which have been present for years. Ernst, who has previously called to disband the EPA, said, “Yeah, tell it to the marines. *Silent Spring*, my eye. You people won’t shut up about it.”

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or should we be content with the 70-word land acknowledgment on the UCSD website?”

Reception to the Quartz initiative was more positive among UCSD faculty, especially those who were promised offices with an ocean view. One such member of the faculty is Aaron Boeing Skipper, the newly appointed director of the Ellen Browning Scripps Memorial Pier. “Thanks to parking ticket payers like you, we were finally able to give our wet operations the makeover they so desperately needed. A hundred new labs, larger aquarium tanks, four new piers, and enough seawater to make a CHEM 100A student seize. To be clear, Quartz is not another living and learning neighborhood. In fact, by replacing staircases with sand dunes and elevators with the ingenious, albeit untested, *Minecraft* bubble columns, we’ve succeeded in making Quartz unlivable. For the unlearnable part, we repurposed the sprinklers for our liquid coolant air conditioning.”

“They were insistent on the ‘unlivable,’” said Lead Engineer Ray Theo. “So I lent my expertise in lead pipes, paint, gasoline... college kids are all about hallucinogens. We got to the fish too, we imported enough sand to smother Nemo’s anemone patch and a whole marlin... not Nemo’s dad but the actual 12-foot swordfish. We needed more labspace for seawater tast — I mean, testing. The only snag my engineering team encountered was that Oceanview Terrace in Marshall will have to change its name, but we all have to make sacrifices. I heard Chancellor Khosla had to relocate to a beachfront bungalow on Coronado that only has yacht and ferry parking. Poor guy.”

Quartz is the first of many proposed university projects to extend the UCSD campus toward the official San Diego city limit. In a faculty letter, Khosla vows for “no more UC La Jolla jokes. Ladies and gentlemen, we are on the move.”

## TOP TEN Things To Say at Both a First Date and a Job Interview

10. Is this position still available?
9. Here, you’re family
8. Women who are, or plan to become pregnant in the next few years will not be considered
7. I am fielding multiple offers at this point
6. I’d like to discuss the possibility of compensation
5. There’s a high turnover rate in this position
4. You must be flexible during working hours
3. An oversight committee will review your performance twice a quarter
2. There will be several people above and beside you
1. Childcare will not be provided



We’re at our fucking limit

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Ciao,

— Theo Erickson, Editor-in-Chief

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## Booster Club

Upside-down vampire professors in your room, Kafkaesque flow charts, and mysterious tally marks, oh my! The MQ has found ourselves in a strange new world, with school starting in a universe that feels like it’s not quite our own. On our team of brave explorers, some stood out among the others for their bravery in bringing food and providing transport to our team of staff writers and editors: Abby, Alberto, Amit, Annelise, Cole, Dylan S, Dylan T, Erica, James, Janice, Jordan, Julia, and Justin. The beginning of the alphabet really came through for us this time around. Once we get back to how things are supposed to be, rest assured that the satire will remain bountifully flowing for quarters to come.

— Liv Gilbert, Managing Editor



# Toxic Workplace Environments Perfect for Crop Growth



PHOTO BY JORDAN WHITLOW

The phrase “AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!” was found to be one of the most reliable fertilizers.

BY JANICE KIM  
Copy Caster

After world hunger was solved during Summer Session II, the UC San Diego administrative board issued a campus-wide bounty for the researchers who revolutionized the rate at which farms could produce food. “By putting an end to famine, so many wars will never have to be waged. And for each war avoided this way, a treasure trove of playthings for the military-industrial complex shall likewise never see the light of day...” Vice Chancellor Reginald MacArthur paused to light a cigar before continuing his statement. “Those scientists chose to remain anonymous. But we can choose to kill their funding. They will be found, and we will mount them like figureheads to the battleship called scientific advancement. Go Tritons.”

The research team was located at Geisel study room 721 by a group of now-unemployed

humanitarians. They were seen whispering for hours through the barricaded door to “give [them] another global issue to advocate for, anything.” When the door was eventually unlocked, witnesses claim that a “great thorn whip” lashed out and “boa constricted” one of the humanitarians as a researcher emerged to comment: “YOU’RE DOING IT WRONG!!! You have to be irritating *and* loud if you wanna keep the hills alive. Watch!”

UCSD’s research on plants and their response to the sound of music had been an intensive experience. Meeting notes indicated that long hours of unpaid overtime and poor workflow management led to “numerous express altercations.”

“Fights. They were fights,” the project’s lead researcher clarified. “But don’t worry. When things got bad, we’d make up. And when things got really bad, it was all because of Worker B. Damn Worker B. Just a couple weeks ago, though, we were chewing them out

because they’d redecorated the space all funny. All of a sudden, the potted plant that they’d brought in shot up as tall as the roof. Bam! Chunks of popcorn ceiling went flying everywhere.” Repeating the experiment with other employees confirmed the result: plants grow fastest and become the most nutritious when exposed to violent human speech.

“There’s just one catch,” the research paper read. Crops have been observed to eventually develop a tolerance to arguments that are “overly repetitive” and will stop growing in response to those sounds. The work-around that the paper suggests is to establish a “corp rotation” where alternating groups of employees are sent on company retreats. Living in close quarters would cause them to share their true opinions of each other, generating “positive energy” and new stimuli for a bountiful harvest. “Positive” was defined as the presence of something.

Agricultural businesses like Cargill Ltd., Cargill Meat Solutions, Cargill Happy Farms Upstate, and UCSD’s Roots have stated that after investing the majority of their resources into these retreats, no other changes need to be made to their business models to maximize profit. “Sustaining hostile workplaces has always been the industry standard,” said Cargill heir Shay Sikes. “These new findings simply confirm what we’ve known: money talks.”

As for the well-being of the workers themselves, one subject had the following to note:

“Would I rather that instead of filtering the budget through convoluted systems that make me dance for dumb things like trust and creativity, they just pay us? Of course. But whenever I start to really feel each minute I’m spending with my coworkers, I remind myself, ‘It’s all for saving the world.’ Like how could I complain? I’m just one guy, and the world is like, *the world.*”

## Sunshine Market Maximizes Convenience by Abolishing the Illusion of Choice



PHOTO BY LIV GILBERT

“I tried to take the bell pepper out of my basket, and three store employees tackled me,” said shopper Anne Flaxis. “I’m allergic!”

BY ABBY OFFENHAUSER  
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In a slew of online reviews and social media statements this week, UC San Diego students and staff have expressed enthusiastic support for the Housing Dining Hospitality takeover of Price Center’s Sunshine Market. According to HDH representative Beau O’Crattic, the corporation has resolved the biggest setback Sunshine Market has been experiencing since its humble beginnings 50 years ago: it no longer “stifles” customers with the “illusion of choice.”

“In last year’s Student Experience Survey, I wrote that my favorite things about Sunshine Market were its ‘charm’ and ‘comforting ’70s aesthetic,’” stated Reddit user Big-Bee4242. “Which is obviously just a nice way of saying that it’s old, run down, and in need of a high-tech upgrade. I’m so glad that UCSD listened and is finally making some changes.”

These changes reportedly resulted from an “instant of philosophical enlightenment” on the part of HDH administration this summer. “I was buying groceries from my local Walmart one day when I was faced with the paralyzing decision of which eggs to buy,” stated O’Crattic in a recent interview. “A simple decision, really, but I stood there for what may have been minutes or hours, or perhaps even days. Because what’s the difference, really? Either way, my life will go on. I’ll buy more eggs next week. I’ll still drive the same BMW to work in the mornings, do the same paperwork, come home to the same kids who hate me, sleep alone in the same bed. I could feel my bones growing heavier and my hair ever grayer. In the grand scheme of things, what does it matter if I buy Great Value or Eggland’s Best? Neither one will bring Alice back.”

The new changes to Sunshine Market were announced in an email distributed to HDH administration the following

day: given that “choice is but an illusion” and “the path of life may wind, but this is a mere distraction from the sole, unchanging destination that mustn’t be avoided, but embraced,” the market will now use Amazon Just Walk Out technology and offer the standard items available in other HDH market locations.

“International snacks? Products from small businesses? What the hell do you think we are, some kind of co-op?” said one HDH director, Manuel Oply. “You think people are going to buy candies that were made in someone’s kitchen or something? *Novelty items?* Why should we waste an entire shelf’s worth of space on ‘fun little drinks’? You literally have Tapioca Express right there.”

HDH representatives have expressed that with shelves exclusively stocked with PepsiCo, Nestle, and Kraft Heinz products, students will save time and effort that they can instead put toward careers and academics.

With this goal in place, there are even more renovations to come. According to O’Crattic, by the end of the calendar year, HDH will paint all of Sunshine Market’s walls white and install airport-style moving walkways in every aisle, in order to “minimize distractions and maximize efficiency while shopping.” He expressed that “we are especially excited to be teaming up with Meta to install a generative AI bot at the entrance of the market, which will curate AI-generated grocery lists for each customer!”

“I just came in for a mid-day pick-me-up while they were testing a prototype of the Meta bot,” said fourth-year student Tyler Dovthishet. “One look at me, and it said it could ‘sense what I truly desired,’ whatever that means.” Dovthishet then held up a bag of oat flour. “What EVER, man, I’m not even fazed by this shit anymore. I’m about to graduate anyway. All roads lead to death. What EVER.”

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# Median Voter Found



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"Nobody's really asked me how I've felt about all this, and I don't really know either," said Kevin Clerkson.

BY LIV GILBERT  
Managing Editor

In the tightly contested race for the 2024 presidential election, much effort has been made by both major parties to determine the states, municipalities, and groups of people that are most likely to swing the election in favor of one candidate or the other. A series of leaked memos from within the Democratic Party revealed an investment of significant resources into finding the single person most likely to swing the election.

The memos reference a secret initiative known as Project Fence-Splitter, with a budget of over \$10 billion. Powered by state-of-the-art AI models and assisted by approximately 13,000 man-hours of inexpensive outsourced labor, the party has determined

that Kevin Clerkson, a convenience store manager in Pittsburgh, will be the long sought-after deciding vote.

Memos written by Reginald Specktor, the head of Project Fence-Splitter, indicated that a significant portion of the project's budget would go to highly targeted advertising towards Kevin and those around him. Kevin's coworkers, family, and friends are all set to receive dozens of emails and text messages encouraging them to reach out to Kevin and remind him to vote. Campaign staffers, set to visit Kevin's house every five to ten minutes to ensure Kevin's safety, have been trained in a variety of stealth pursuit techniques, as well as covert entry methods should they need to enter Kevin's house. "This man is everything to us," read a memo written in April. "We must find him and never, ever let go. His safety,

well, truly the safety of this all-encompassing vote, is of utmost importance."

In a series of haphazard interviews conducted after the leaks, Specktor argued that their strategy would still be effective, even if no longer a secret. "Finding Kevin Clerkson has let us focus our campaign funding with a new level of precision. Non-median voters, frankly, don't matter to us at all. They're either stuck voting for us or they hate us, and either way there's nothing we can do about that. We've wasted so much trying to appeal to the median voter, but now we actually have *the* median voter." Specktor showed little concern for Kevin's safety, saying, "We just need him to vote blue. He can hate everything about the party we choose to be, but we just need to show him that there's really no choice. We'll then leave Kevin alone

to pursue... whatever it is he does. It'd be nice for him to send a few hundred our way in three and a half years, but the upcoming endorsement from Charles Koch means we should be set for a while."

Republicans responded with vitriol after the full scope of Project Fence-Splitter became known. Vice presidential nominee JD Vance posted an extensive list of his objections to the project on Twitter, stating that "If Komrade Kamala gets her way, our country would be overrun by a wave of voters who our political system would care about. A day of deciding which party to vote for is a lost day of beautiful, bountiful fertility. This is a tragedy for Kevin and for our nation." Donald Trump remained silent on the matter during a Fox News interview, which close allies attributed to the foot-thick bulletproof plexiglass between him and his microphone.

## UC Regents Bans Students from Campuses



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BY GAVRIEL FERIA  
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In response to the numerous student protests that have heavily impacted the University of California system, the Regents of the University of California have declared that beginning October 5, any student located on a UC campus is considered being in violation of the student code of conduct.

In UC President Michael Drake's announcement, he stated that "while learning is important, students need to realize that they cannot disrupt the academic process of developing properties and performing research for the military-industrial complex. So we're going to disrupt it before they can do it for us."

Proponents of this policy on UC San Diego's campus are largely, and according

to demographic reports, "disproportionately," rising seniors. "At least I won't be forced to see the sorry state of Sunshine Market during my last year here," said fourth-year bioengineering major Don T. Care. Another fourth-year, business major A. Paul Litical, said, "I had a scuffed high school graduation, and I will make damn sure that I'll have a scuffed college graduation too."

Another student admitted, "I'll go as far as to say that I'm starting to miss those early pandemic days of playing video games during class with my webcam off." The ban on students has also been largely supported by incoming first-years: "I just don't want to have to live with a smelly roommate who doesn't shower or clean up after themselves," said first-year Kallie Ann Varnish. "I don't

know what the fuss is about freedom of speech," she continued. "Didn't we get that in 1776 already? I just want to graduate!"

The majority of the UCSD student body criticizes this move as an outright suppression of their voices after the events of the past spring, and presented a wide variety of grievances. "I waited thirteen years just to achieve the dream that I've had since I learned about UCSD: see the vaunted watermelon drop from Urey Hall. But the UC Regents took this opportunity away from me," said Preby S. Conrad, San Diego native and recent high school graduate. Brock Yerinovich, a UCSD Biology and Public Health double major, added, "I've been here over the summer and the bottom two floors of Geisel Library are still effectively bi-hazardous. At least students

won't be exposed to that anymore, but I'm worried that this move will just sweep this glaring problem — among others — under the rug."

In Chancellor Pradeep Khosla's announcement following President Drake's, he announced seemingly unrelated plans conjoined with this decision, such as the expansion of Geisel Library into Geisel-Purdue Library Pharmacy & In-House Laboratory, and the addition of commemorative buildings honoring UCSD's Camp Matthews past. "Depending on the success, we could even get ahead of the future and make the undergraduate division of UCSD a completely online university, so that they can get the convenience of an undergraduate education while graduate students can peacefully train to become the engineers for next-generation drones."

## EDITORIAL I Bet I Could Do Olympic Gymnastics if I Really, Really Wanted To



BY DIRK CHADLEY  
Armchair Expert

Another year goes by and another round of Olympic Games has come and gone, and all these damn kids online keep raving about these damn Olympic gymnasts and their damn Olympic tricks. Well, I was never one to watch pointless, girly sports like that. Real men like me only watch serious and important things, like football and ice hockey. But this year, I decided to see what all the fuss was about. And let me tell you, I was not impressed.

I'm gonna be straight with you all. I really don't think it looks all that hard. I'm pretty sure I could pull it off. I mean, I'm not saying it'll be easy — I'm definitely gonna need a good stretch before, but with a solid warmup I'm sure I could pull off a Biles 2, maybe even a double.

Now before you all come at me for being "ignorant" and "stupid" and for "wildly overestimating my athletic abilities" like my wife says, let me just set the record straight. It's not that any old Tom, Dick, or Harry could be an Olympic gymnast, but I'm pretty sure I could do it if it was something I cared about. You see, I would've become a pro at

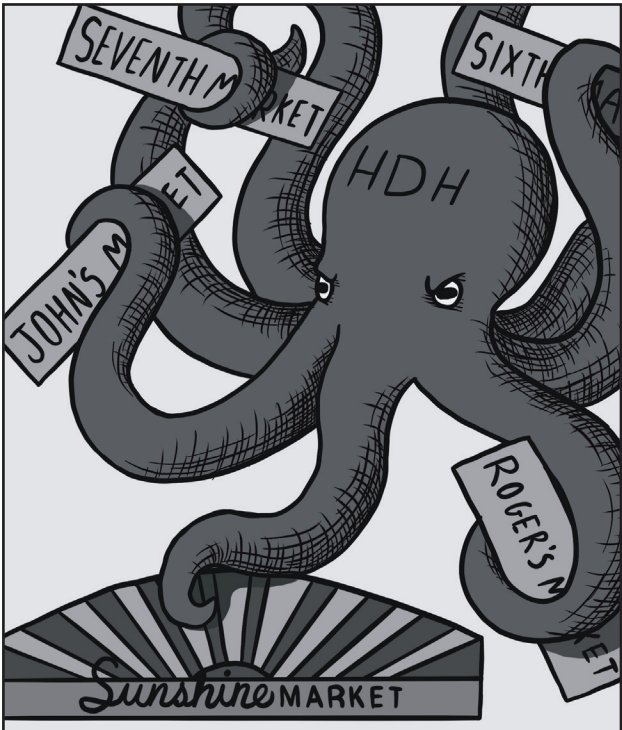
football if it wasn't for my tragic and serious ACL injury at age 14. My rugged athletic background paired with the fact that the floor is basically a trampoline leads to Team USA's next gold medalist. I mean, the men's team this year only won a bronze. BRONZE! Third place? Pathetic. Let's just say if they had me on the team, those boys would have had another goldie to bring home.

Half these Olympians can't even land their tricks! Seriously, watch one of the competitions, these so-called "gymnasts" are stumbling all over the floor like I do after one too many Jack and Cokes. How hard is it to find people who can actually land their flips properly? Anyways, they need to stop showing off, there's nothing wrong with doing a single backflip that you know you can land properly (I know I could). Hell, a good cartwheel could probably land you a gold if you do it properly, instead of these twisty flippy triple pikes or whatever else they've got going on.

And don't even get me started on "women's gymnastics." The balance beam? Please, all they need to do is just not fall over. I learned how to do that when I was five. Albeit on the flat ground, but the principle stands. On the floor they do those little dances, and let's just say, in sixth grade, I won square dancer of the year at Jefferson Central Middle School so that would not be a problem. Look at those girls on screen. They're even smiling when they do those routines. So, really, truly, honestly, genuinely, how hard could it possibly be?

## TOP TEN Ways This School Year Will Be Different from Last Year

10. You will remember to think of a Halloween costume
9. You will think of better excuses to give your professors
8. You will finally take the trolley downtown
7. You will attend Tuesday meetings at 6 p.m. in Half Dome Lounge
6. You will have a work-life balance
5. You will attend all of your 8 a.m. lectures
4. You will not lose your ID more than once
3. You will go to office hours
2. You will be in more debt than last year
1. Construction will be finished



NEXT!  
By Dylan Schmidt



# UCSD to Ban Witch Trials



"I hope this isn't just a complicated spell the witches are casting," said one student as they watched a pile of torches and pitchforks burn.

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BY COLE JOHNSON  
Ass. Content

In his most recent announcement, Chancellor Pradeep Khosla stated that UC San Diego will no longer allow witch trials to take place on campus. The Chancellor "just felt that it was ineffective at stopping witches from cursing our students, mostly due to the fact that 95% of the witch trials resulted in wrongful execution." Despite the positive reception from many students, William Belmont, the leader of the Student Association For the Eradication of Witches, the Occult, Rituals, & Demons (SAFEWORD), responded negatively to the news. According to Belmont, "Student bewitching incidents have increased by 50% since that wretched Chancellor announced his dark and evil agenda." When asked where he found that

information, Belmont refused to answer. The timing of Khosla's announcement comes after the SAFEWORD "dunking event," where SAFEWORD members threw three suspected witches into a small pond to test if they were made of wood. This resulted in all three victims drowning, as they were unable to swim. SAFEWORD initially celebrated these deaths, insisting that the victims' bodies floating back up proved "beyond a shadow of a doubt" that they were made from wood. However, an autopsy revealed that all three victims were made of meat and there were no cursed markings etched into their hearts, indicating that none of the victims were witches. Following this event, SAFEWORD released an official statement apologizing for their mistake, but also emphasized the importance

of "protecting UCSD from those devil worshippers" and that "it's better for a few innocents to die than it is to let a single witch walk the earth." Since the banning of witch trials altogether, SAFEWORD has debuted the "Witch Watch" program, which aims to educate students about the "dangers of witchcraft" and encourage them to speak up if they "suspect their peers are practicing the dark arts." The initiative has seen mixed reception from the students who have participated, such as Abigail Viste, who said that this program will "only cause students to turn on their peers and further negatively impact people who are stereotypically witchy, like emos and mysterious women." Despite the views of students like Viste, others believe that Witch Watch will greatly benefit the overall

health and safety of the campus. One such proponent, Mitch Burnstein, thinks that "[UCSD] would have gone completely to hell if we had no one fighting against these damn witches, but at least we have our saviors at SAFEWORD protecting us the best they can!" The ban has also attracted the attention of the campus' witch advocacy group, Sorcerers Against Needless Death (SAND). SAND released a statement praising UCSD for its "progressive policy of not letting students burn each other at the stake" and stating that it is "important for people to remember that just because someone commits the heinous act of witchcraft, does not mean that they should be condemned to death." It is currently unknown how UCSD will continue to enforce its anti-witch policy without the use of witch trials.

# Congress Passes Bill Banning Women from Aging



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"Finally, some peace and quiet," said Mitch McConnell.

BY ERICA ROSSLEE  
Distro Dictator

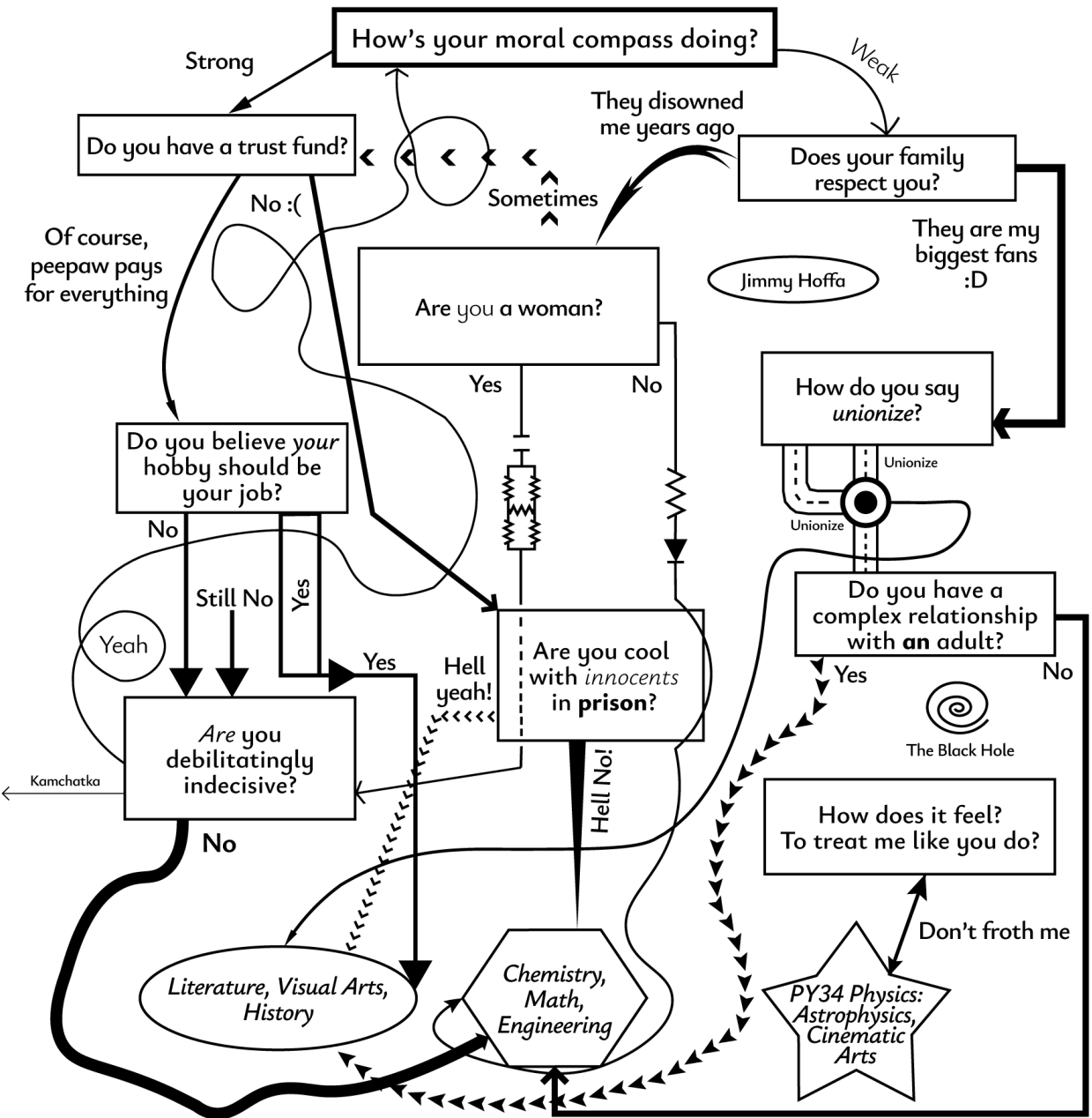
Despite a 75-hour Senate filibuster and a bipartisan coalition against it, Congress succeeded in passing a bill banning women from aging. While the majority of male Congress members voted for the bill, 15 male members recused themselves as they "felt uncomfortable and didn't know what else to do." The bill declares that women are no longer allowed "to look older than 30, but like a good 30." It also implements federal punishments such as jail time and exile for those who are found breaking the law. "Aging women are gross," said 42-year-old Representative Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, one of the leading proponents of the bill, alongside male Representatives Mark Alford (R-Missouri), Rick W. Allen (R-Georgia), and Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Florida), all of whom are over the age of 60. "You know, I wanted the bill to make the age limit even younger, but I got out-voted."

and Republican Vice Presidential Candidate JD Vance, R-Ohio, responded "Uhhh...I don't know how a woman's body works... Can't they just hold in the aging, like their period or pee?" "Can't we just have one law for ourselves?" asked one male Congressman who wished to remain anonymous in response to the questions. "Women just get so ugly around like 30 I think, so they shouldn't be allowed to get older than that." Despite claiming to be a proponent for women's rights, soon-to-be 81-year-old President Joe Biden is expected to sign this bill into law in the coming months. A source close to the president reveals Biden is "fully aware that he might be sleeping on the couch for the next few months," but thinks "it will be worth it when the First Lady looks 30 again." Current 78-year-old Republican presidential candidate and former president Donald Trump has also expressed support for the bill, calling it "a win for men everywhere," and that it "could've solved some of his problems in his previous marriages."

When asked why she voted against party lines on the bill, 50-year old Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia responded, "I can tolerate taking away a woman's right to have an abortion, I can tolerate taking away a woman's right to marry another woman, I can even tolerate taking away a woman's right to use menstrual products, but this is where I put my foot down. Well, this and taking away a woman's right to guns." "I hate to agree with Marjorie Taylor Greene on this aging thing, but this is absolutely ridiculous," said 56-year-old Representative Becca Balint, D-Vermont. "Also, 30 is literally the youngest you can be in the Senate... How is this gonna work?" 40-year-old Senator

"Darn, this is when I really wish we had someone else on the Supreme Court other than the four women who know this is ridiculous," said 54-year-old Senator Joni Ernst, R-Iowa. "Maybe I shouldn't have voted in Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch. Oh well." The Congressmen who proposed the ban on age recently announced new plans for a bill that bans women from speaking without being spoken to. Also reportedly in the works is a bill that would enact repercussions for women who use a "shrill voice" around a man.

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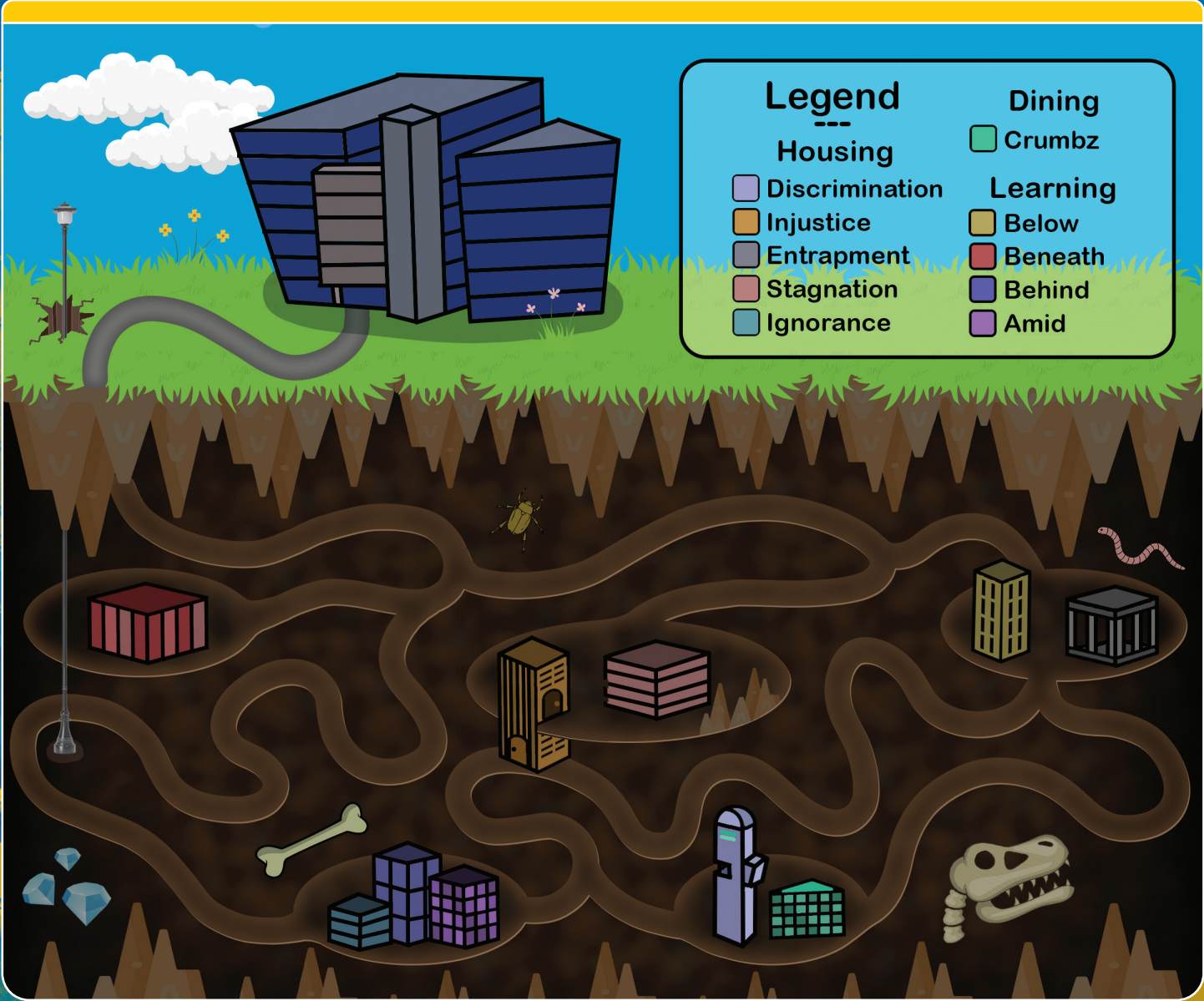


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# ‘The Astronauts Are Fine,’ Says Boeing



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“Day two hundred and seventy-one. Atlas shrugged,” read one astronaut’s logs.

BY ANNELISE MCCULLOUGH  
Copy Alchemist

A month after announcing that the Boeing Starliner astronauts will remain in space for another year due to spacecraft complications, Boeing has held a press conference to address the concerns of the public.

“As we stated initially, the astronauts will be hosted by the ISS and will be perfectly taken care of until SpaceX can return them home next February. Probably,” said Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg.

Many audience members were concerned about the physical damage that prolonged exposure to the microgravity within the ISS can cause. Audience member and renowned psychologist Dr. Dee Esemffe was additionally concerned about the psychological toll facing the astronauts. “A well-regulated circadian rhythm is vital to the

maintenance of an individual’s psychological well-being,” said Dr. Esemffe. “I worry that without enough mental preparation for these conditions, the astronauts will suffer.”

In response, Boeing brought out their own psychological consultant, Mal Praktiss, MFT, to assure the audience that the astronauts were receiving the best psychological care available. “I administered the psychological evaluation myself, and without breaking too many HIPAA regulations, I can confidently say that both of them are completely psychologically sound,” Praktiss said. A full transcript of the evaluation, held on Zoom, has since been leaked by a Boeing whistleblower, who has since suffered health complications. The hour-long call faced continuous connectivity issues due to the orbit of the ISS, and began with Praktiss asking the astronauts to rate their anxiety and depression on a 10-point scale. The first

astronaut reported a six and nine respectively, while the second astronaut reported an eight and three.

The evaluation also included a one-on-one interview between Praktiss and each astronaut. The transcript noted that the first astronaut interviewed was “despondent, but otherwise stable.” They are cited as saying, “I miss my wife and kids. My little girl, Talia, just turned three. She’ll be closer to five when I return. I guess knowing I’ll be away from my family for so long really makes me think about what’s important in life. You don’t know how much you come to appreciate Earth from space. I’ve spent my life trying to leave that place for the stars, but looking down at that beautiful blue-green marble, I’ve never wanted to be down there more.”

The second astronaut, on the other hand, was observed to be “in distress” and physically disheveled with dark circles under their eyes.

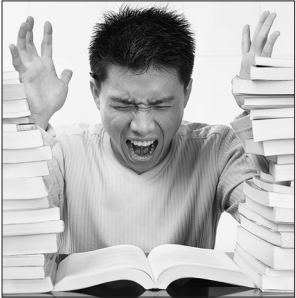
“Space is an uncaring, godless void,” they said. “I have never felt more physically or emotionally isolated from anyone. The ISS crew already have an established routine and dynamic with each other — do you know how hard it is to break into a premade friend group? I signed up for this thinking I would just be up here for a week, but I was not prepared for this more-than-a-year-long stay in space. Day in, day out, I stare into the void and it stares back. It is cold. It is hungry. And the ISS is *definitely* haunted.”

Therapy sessions will continue to be offered to the astronauts, but they will have to pay rates in accordance with their insurance policies. In the meantime, SpaceX pledges to continue its work on the shuttle that will return the astronauts home. “She’s a real beauty,” Elon Musk said of the spacecraft, dubbed the “Cyber-shuttle.” “The future of space travel will be brutalist, steely, and rectangular!”

## POINT I NEED the Library to Be Open 24/7

BY BENJAMIN HENDERSON  
Professional Studier

I’d like to start off by saying that Geisel is my favorite study spot. Come midterms and come finals, I’m spending 25 hours a day, 8 days a week on that grind within its hallowed walls. Needless to say, when I walked into Geisel today and saw the “new and improved hours,” I was shocked, dismayed, dumbfounded, crushed, and just generally kinda bummed out. The Theodor Seuss Geisel library is going to shut its doors at 10 p.m. on finals week. What am I to do in these conditions?? I cannot study back at my apartment. All of my suitmates are in a polycule together, and the constant noise prevents me from focusing. I’ve been trying to form a petition, but I’m finding it difficult to focus knowing that I won’t have full access during my sacred study hours in a few weeks. This is



right out of administration’s playbook. Does anyone remember the old library? The one that’s now Galbraith Hall? Well, I remember. It was a bustling haven of study, until they slowly started cutting the hours, whittling it down to nothingness. There were protests and everything. And now, it’s gone. And nobody even remembers it ever existed. When admin feels threatened, it just takes another library away. I don’t think there are any solutions. I guess I could study outside, but that’s how they get you.

## COUNTERPOINT Who Actually Needs 24 Hours to Study Anyway?

BY SNAVELY FERGUSON  
Dark Empath

I’ve been hearing word around campus about the changes to those library hours at that one place, and really, all I’ve got to say about that is: how long does it really take you to study? Like, I get being thorough about reviewing your notes and all that, but seriously folks, what are you actually doing with all that time? Are your notes truly that long? Are your books that dense? Are you watching all of your podcast lectures on .25x speed or something? When I study, I just look through my notes, say “Yep, I remember all of that,” and move on to the next thing. I can study for six classes worth of finals in like, an hour or so. Do I pass them all? No, but nobody passes all of their classes each quarter anyway, so who cares. Maybe you’re just not using your time



efficiently. Maybe you’re just a slow reader. I don’t know your story. But the poor Geisel employees shouldn’t be forced to work 24-hour shifts because you don’t know how to study quickly. Frankly, I’m starting to get the impression that you’re all conspiring to do something... sinister. Who knows what diabolical machinations you get up to at 3 a.m. in the library basement? Not me. I’m at home. Sleeping.

## Satan Attracts America With ‘Eternal Suffering Healthcare Plan’



PHOTO BY DYLAN SCHMIDT

“I’ve always thought that the Hippocratic Oath was really up to interpretation,” said Satan.

BY VICTORIA TA  
Staff Writer

With the dissolution of the Affordable Care Act, America has turned to its newly elected Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Satan, for guidance. In a press conference, Satan announced the implementation of the Hellth Essential Care (HEC) Program. “Aimed to provide all Americans with free and transparent access to biblically appropriate healthcare in accordance with the nation’s values, HEC promises to be a demonic masterstroke of eternal suffering,” Satan stated.

“How do you make the US even greater?” continued Satan. “Like my fellow Americans, I looked towards the Bible for advice. I liked Deuteronomy 25:11–12 and 1 Samuel 18:25–27, but as delightfully macabre as they are, they lack

originality. I want everyone to suffer as equally as possible.”

Secretary Satan’s vision for HEC features mandatory “Agony Screening Services” (ASSs), in which patients endure a dungeon-crawling gauntlet of trials to “literally burn them for all time,” and “Infernance,” a universal financial protection plan. All citizens must also undergo rigorous and highly invasive health screenings for every probable illness known to man, with Satan revolutionizing medical schools and residency programs in order to overstaff hospitals and destroy the public’s perception of medicine.

The first week of HEC’s implementation “didn’t go as planned,” according to Satan. In just a few days, people found that the HEC system was “remarkably enjoyable” and “ironically, a gift from heaven.” Coupled with the overhaul of hospitals that eliminated worker burnout, Infernance’s universal coverage was deemed an

“unprecedented advancement in healthcare” that addressed a wide range of medical needs.

The mandatory ASSs, meant to challenge patients’ resilience, were also met with unexpected enthusiasm. Characterized by their intimately detailed and meticulous nature, they became an opportunity for Americans to engage with their bodies more mindfully and proactively. Patients reported that ASSs became a “must-do activity” and many said they “were begging for more.” The comprehensive health screenings, which involved the unregulated use of fire, whipping, and other customized methods of damnation, were embraced by the public for their therapeutic and preventative benefits. Professional patient Ivana D. Vorce praised ASSs, stating, “Do I like HEC? Yeah, I love the kind of doctors that will actually just kill me!”

Satan has tried pushback methods such as supplying pharmaceutical companies with reportedly deadly drugs, only to further increase his popularity. “With the caveat of America being literally on fire now, it turns out I was already in Hell the whole time. What the HEC brought Americans is a reason to smile for the first time in decades. They even made ‘going to Hell’ a compliment.”

Satan, now a Time Person of the Year and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, has reportedly fallen into a deep depression. Through Satan’s “happy accident,” the highly successful Hellth Eternal Care program united all United States and increased the average American lifespan to 666 years. Satan has since resigned as head of HEC, and in his last address to the public, stated, “Throughout heaven and Hell, I alone am the suffering one.”



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# Trump Solves Twelfth Major Crisis of the Week



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“Crisis is my middle name. My name is Donald Crisis Trump,” said Donald Crisis Trump.

BY FARHAD TARAPOREVALA  
Staff Writer

On September 22, Donald Trump held his twelfth press conference of the week to announce to the American people that he and his team had solved “yet another crisis” Americans had faced under the Biden-Harris administration. “I realized that if I wanted the American people to vote for me, the greatest president in the history of the world, I had to remind them how great my first term was,” explained Trump. “I decided to tackle problems that any American would face, whether Republican or stupid, white or other, Christian or wrong, because I am a president first and foremost of the American people. When I solved the first problem, the Mexican Coke problem, it seemed to be all anyone was talking about. So, I decided to keep going and see if I could fix four horrible years in a week, and it went so well that, like God himself, I rested on the second day.”

Trump’s campaign released an announcement on

September 16 that outlined the former president’s solution to affordable higher education, stating, “President Trump and his team have come up with a way to solve the Mexicoke dilemma. For too long Mexico has had the better Coca-Cola, which is frankly an insult to Americans everywhere who pay taxes that directly fund the CEO’s salary. Using his negotiating skills, the former president has gotten Coca-Cola to rename Mexicoke to Make Mexicoke American Goods Again Coke or MMAGA-Coke for short. In return, the Coca-Cola Company’s CEO received a small raise funded by taxes that the majority of Americans did not have to pay. Only the freeloading bottom 10% of people who mooch off the federal government will feel any impact, and they deserve it for losing at capitalism.”

Public reactions to this announcement and others like it released throughout the week were mostly positive. Registered Republican Bill Cook said, “I think it’s amazing what President Trump is

doing for the American people; he’s really rebuilding people’s trust in our institutions. The way he solved the whole border crisis was honestly inspiring. No longer will Americans have to worry about people south of it having better Coca-Cola. Instead they will just have better food, a better reputation, and a better language, all things that President Trump will eventually get around to. I mean his taco salad is already such a large leap in the right direction.”

Another crisis tackled by the Trump campaign was that of term limits with the Supreme Court. “We went out to the American people and asked them what some problems were with America,” explained Trump campaign manager Lee Brall. “People were worried about term limits and said something about the Supreme Court Justices, so we worked with the six of them and several congress-people to sculpt a law stating that anyone named Donald Trump could serve as president with no term limits. This is clearly what the American people want, and it lines

up with President Trump’s plan to pass the torch to Don Junior.”

Not everyone was pleased with the Trump campaign’s solutions. “When the campaign said that they had a solution for crime, I was really excited,” said kindergarten teacher Richard Cheney. “The fact that they had identified 26 million criminals in a matter of days was simultaneously terrifying and impressive, but I just assumed that to catch one you had to think like one. Then I found out that they got the CIA to arrest the entire country of Australia. Which is fair, their toilets spin the wrong way so something evil is definitely afoot, but they didn’t read anyone their Miranda rights. Instead Trump went on a 20-minute rant about coconut trees and how apples are a much more American tree, so the whole country went free and now they’re angry! His second term is somehow going to be worse than the first.”

## EDITORIAL Screw All of You: A Manifesto



BY CAROL W. HACKO  
Barnes & Noble  
Premium Member

I was sitting by my Victorian-style windowsill, indulging in my most recent summer read — *Lolita*, for the complex historical perspectives — when I heard the most atrocious blaring sound coming from my cellular device. Of course it was my sister, Lydia, who triggered it. Per the usual, she asked me the same series of questions she did every week: Do you have a job yet? Have you talked to Mom? What are you even doing with your life? Usually I brush it off as her feeble blue-collar mind being unable to fathom my lifestyle. But this time I finally reached my breaking point. Just as Winston Smith in *1984* realized he lived in a dystopian world, I came to the revelation that this society is asleep... and won’t wake up...

Lydia acts as if her life is perfect just because she has three kids who “bring her joy.” As if Children do nothing but constrain the free mind. They consume nothing but immature cartoons. They don’t appreciate the true backbone of this society: the literary greats. As I sip on my café au lait, I cannot help but quiver with anger at the thought of Franz Kafka, Friedrich Nietzsche, and J.K. Rowling fading into obscurity. Soon enough our children

won’t even know how to read! Lydia just doesn’t get it... At least Hermione Granger understands me...

Sometimes I yearn for the day a burly untrimmed man sweeps me off my feet and tells me I’m a wizard. Maybe then will I finally belong.

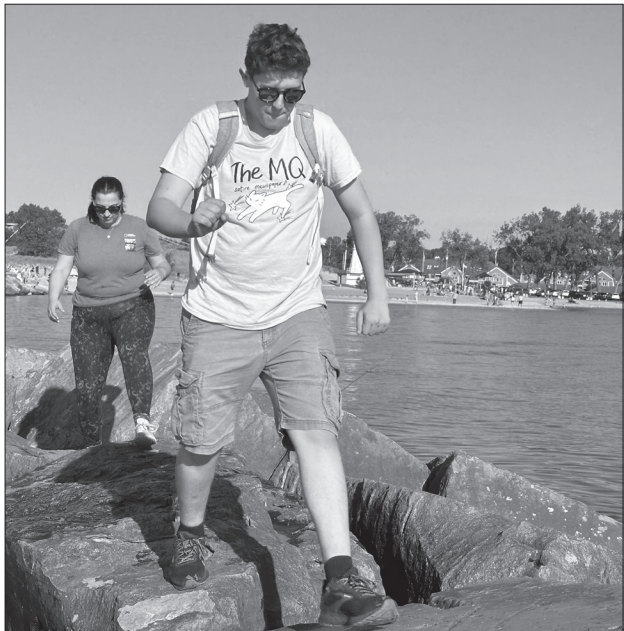
Which brings me back to my initial frustration. Lydia constantly badgers me about my lack of effort to become successful in “society’s eyes.” Sue me for seeing the bigger picture here! While you all remain victims of ignorance and technology, I fight for a greater cause... I stand alone as the last line of defense against authoritarianism. Which is why I devote my life to the glorious book. Rather than subjecting myself to this capitalistic form of slavery, I choose to spread knowledge through my blog: Carol’s Corner. Sure, the economy’s pretty tight right now but my loyal readers (and parent’s allowance) keep me afloat regardless, because they understand these stories matter more than the mundane.

You people do nothing but settle for the satisfactory. What happened to seeking a higher purpose? What happened to curiosity? What happened to even caring? I mean seriously, from the look of some of your choices in partners it’s obvious we have given up standards. Unlike Lydia, who settled with her highschool boyfriend, I want to meet my whirlwind romance, a man who will surely fulfill all my needs, physically AND spiritually... something most women will unfortunately never understand.

As a final plea to open your hearts to my sentiment, I leave you with the words of Colleen Hoover: *It Ends With Us*. We can cut the restraints of society, together.

## TOP TEN Reasons Your Professors Hate You

10. You sent them an email
9. Your scholarly aura isn’t earnest enough
8. You answered a question in lecture
7. They never forgot that one time your phone rang in class
6. You asked them to podcast their lectures
5. You’re taking their class as a GE
4. They sensed that you were feeling tired
3. You didn’t make eye contact and nod throughout the entire lecture
2. You signed up for “Coffee With a Prof” with them
1. You keep asking valid questions about confusing material



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## Little Chats With Melvin McQuerey

Howdy everyone! I’m Melvin McQuerey, and today, I’ll be interviewing a very special guest: author, senator, and furniture enthusiast JD Vance! He’s here to talk about his plans for his potential vice presidential position, as well as everything else going on in his life! So, welcome JD!

Thank you, Melvin.

Great! So, you’ve been in the news a lot lately, especially in regards to some of your more recent statements that your opponents claim have been pretty offensive.

Look, I’ve already said that you need to make up stories. And if you want to talk about rhetoric, their endless drivel of communist ideology, or as I like to call it, Kamala’s Kamaraderie, has almost gotten my president — truly America’s president — assassinated two times this summer! Back in Ohio, we called that “killed.” That’s what the dangerous speech is here. Tell that to Sleepy Joe if he’ll even wake up. And if you were wondering: I’m not racist. I married one of those—

Golly gee! Now, a question I think many Americans have on their minds: what are you, as vice president, going to do about gas prices? I know the ol’ Melvin-Mobile has been making my wallet feel awful light, and I’m sure many people can say the same.

Well, let’s break this issue down for a second. Lots of people have told me they’ve been concerned about this ever since the Democrats took power in ‘08, back when I had just escaped middle America and made it to San Francisco. I mean, before it was the war zone it is now. You know, I didn’t write much about that in my book, *Hillbilly Elegy*, but it really was one of the most impactful parts of my life. But thanks to our open border, there’s too many people buying gas! Not my wife though, she’s one of the—

Mighty interesting! Now, I haven’t read your book, but I did see the trailer for the movie. How do your experiences that you probably wrote about in that book relate to your qualifications for the vice president position?

Well, that book really is my entire life. The joy of getting to express myself through my words is something that is truly incalculable. And that people will buy it and then see me how I want them to see me? I was ready to pay people to do that, but you make them feel smart and

it just works. You know, I think that we’ve got enough good ideas here that I could write another book. Really take my image to the next level.

How would that help you as Vice President?

What?

Vice President under Trump, if you were to win in November.

Well, you think I could get another book written by then?

I – I mean... I suppose so? But what does that have to do with the election?

Election?

Yeah. I reckon that’s what you came here to talk about, ain’t it?

I was happy, once. It was simpler then. We made so many sacrifices in that life, but did I make even more sacrifices to get here today? I had the strength to escape, and is it not my duty to pull up others along with me? A few weeks ago, I was reading someone else’s memoirs about their mom selling them to a boy band, just to pay for another day’s worth of drugs. It resonated with me deeply.

I’m not sure I follow. Are you doing alright?

I’ve never been worse. Can you just let me have this?

Okay, you can have this. Is there something you’d like to talk about?

No, I mean, this copy of *Hillbilly Elegy* you have here — I think that a sequel just basically wrote itself. May I be excused?

Jeeppers! Well, I suppose so. For those reading on the silver page, JD Vance has walked out of our humble little studio, with that creative glint in his eye that once graced my own some forty years ago when I chose to enter the journalism game. Today you all saw how quickly one’s career can change when they put their mind to it. And I saw that there might be an opening for the vice presidential nomination that a well-seasoned journalist could fill... But until next time, I’ve been Melvin McQuerey, you’ve been the audience, and we’ve been great together! See you soon!





# UCSD to Acquire UTC

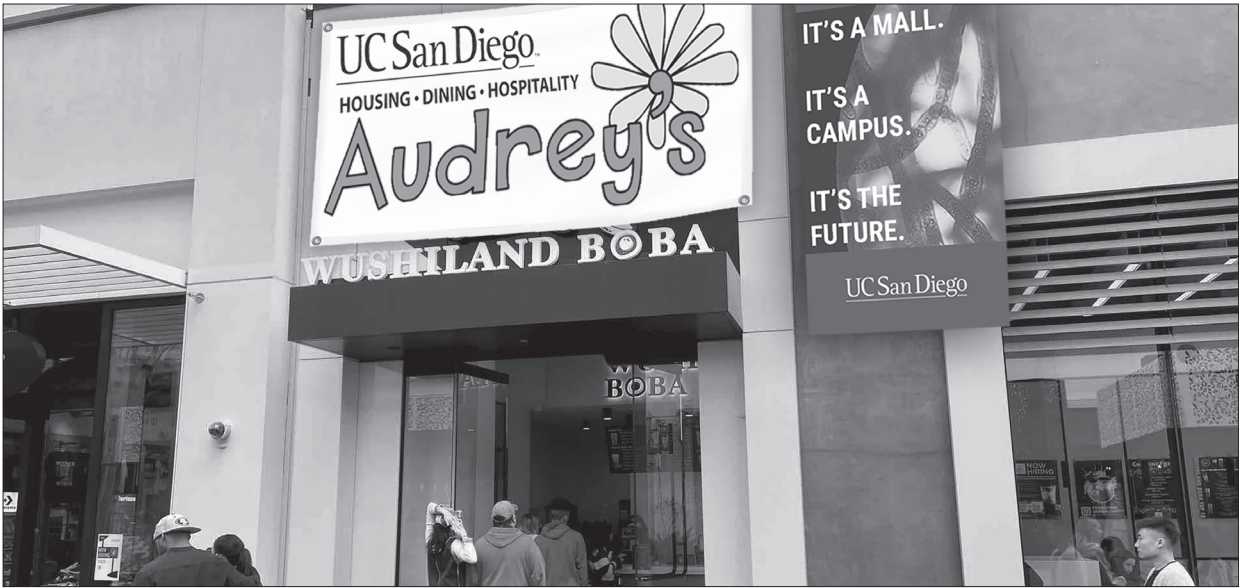


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“Finally, another place I can spend this useless currency,” said third-year student Darlene Davidson.

BY MADDIE SAMANIEGO  
Staff Writer

In a sudden announcement affecting students, faculty, and local shoppers, UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla has unveiled the university's latest urban project: the acquisition of University Town Center (UTC), La Jolla's premier shopping destination. This merger of academia and retail promises to “redefine the college experience — for better or worse.”

Chancellor Khosla, described as having “grandiose visions,” delivered the news at a press conference that was reported to be filled with “bewildered” attendees. “Today, we bridge the gap between education and consumerism,” he declared before presenting a model that was reported to “less so combine than mash up” lecture halls with department stores. Khosla continued, “In this new era, learning doesn't just happen in classrooms — it happens in food courts, ice rinks, and luxury boutiques.”

The acquisition comes with an additional development: the “Mall Loop,” a dedicated bus route designed to shuttle students directly from campus to the heart of UTC. “No longer will students have to use a scooter or the trolley to get their retail therapy,” said a UCSD transportation official. “They can now sit in traffic on a bus instead.” While the Mall Loop “promises to be a game-changer for students who want to combine their study sessions with shopping sprees,” many are questioning whether this will benefit students in the long-term. “Is this really how the school wants to spend our tuition money?” wondered one student. “I mean, is anyone actually clamoring for a bus that takes them from a midterm straight to UNIQLO? Who asked for this?”

In a move that is already facing scrutiny, UCSD's Housing, Dining, and Hospitality is set to take over a portion of UTC, rebranding it as “HDH Mall.” This new hub will offer students a unique dining experience where they can enjoy “the same overpriced and underwhelming food as on

campus,” but with the added “excitement” of mall ambiance. “Picture yourself eating a \$15 burrito bowl next to a fountain and a Forever 21,” an HDH spokesperson said. “Name me a more indulgent way to spend a Tuesday afternoon!”

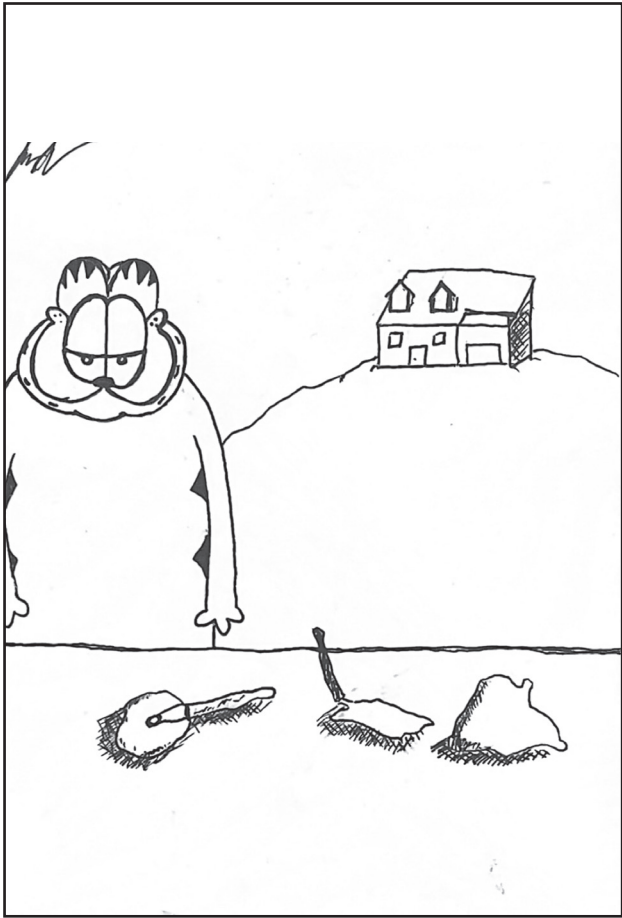
UCSD Transportation Services are also contributing to the effort, making what has been called a “predictable, but deeply disappointing” move to the newly rebranded mall. With the acquisition of UTC, the already “notorious” parking situation is expected to continue to fail to accommodate its users. “We're planning to raise parking fees at UTC and ensure that every spot requires a permit that no student currently possesses,” a parking official announced. “It's all part of our ongoing commitment to create a more synergistic parking experience.”

The future of the UTC 24 Hour Fitness has been a point of concern for many students, but HDH officials have promised its facilities will be maintained as it is rebranded to “RIMAC West,” a satellite gym where students can work out while staring at the

mannequins in the window displays of adjacent stores. “Why not lift weights while contemplating your next shopping spree?” a UCSD gym manager said. “We're merging fitness with fashion, all in the name of holistic student wellness.”

Finally, the UCSD Bookstore is set to expand into UTC, offering students the chance to spend their “excess financial aid” on both textbooks and trendy clothes in one sitting. “Why just pay too much for a lab manual when you can also overspend on a sweater you'll wear twice?” asked a UCSD Bookstore executive. “It's all about offering students choices — expensive ones.”

During the press conference, a member of the university community raised a megaphone and shouted from the crowd: “Will this really be the future of higher education? Or have we all finally lost our minds?” In response, Khosla concluded the event, saying, “It's a mall, it's a campus, it's the future,” with a smile that was reported to suggest he was just as confused as everyone else.



MEOW TOOLS  
By Dylan Towner

## TOP TEN Tips for UCSD Freshmen

10. Remember that ITS can see your Internet history
9. Your roommates love hearing your alarms; set them as often as possible
8. There's always enough time to grab a drink between classes
7. The OSD is there to help you
6. The top floor of Geisel is a great place to socialize with friends
5. If you can kick the elevator ceiling you get a medal
4. The grassy areas are there for you to sit with all your friends; the university encourages you to do this
3. The walls in all the dorms are very thick so no one can hear you scream
2. The best coffee is at Audrey's
1. Don't miss football games on Saturdays



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## Art Scheme Exposed After ‘Silliest’ Turn of Events



PHOTO BY DYLAN SCHMIDT

“A picture is worth a thousand words, but this one wasn't worth my time,” said Buadgui.

BY OLGA VYSOTSKY  
SocPub Queen

A new video surfaced on TikTok last week of Transport One Xylose Incorporation Corporation (TOXIC) employees tossing a 5' by 6' painting created by pre-eminent contemporary artist Ensaide Jocce at a cloaked figure on roller skates. The subsequent investigation of the footage has culminated in the release of internal documents explaining the unusual situation.

The painting had originally been purchased in April of 2021 by an anonymous TOXIC intern in the Discretionary Sales Department who had been directed in an email to “squirrel away” \$1.5 million “like a bitty baby squirrel,” so that “they don't lower our yearly budget again, that damn budgeting department.” After its purchase, the painting was then gifted to the Derelict Sales Department, regifted to the Disconsolate

Sales Department, regifted again to the Drosophilic Sales Department, and finally hung in the TOXIC corporate lobby in downtown San Diego.

Within six days, the painting was reported as missing. Security camera footage showed an individual, later identified as San Diego resident Notsoe Buadgui, entering the lobby, taking the painting off the wall, and leaving. Employees working at the time claim the theft had “seemed like normal company operations,” and was protocol with the “general bad vibes” apparently common to the lobby.

After another week, the painting was discovered outside the office where it had been originally displayed. “It was covered in a cute home-made quilt,” said employee Kagina Masheen, who found the painting. “It was clean too, and smelled nice, very positive energy. I couldn't sell out a nice laundering guy to the police.” She instead notified higher level management about the return of the painting.

The situation caught the attention of accountant Butte Leicher. “I ran the numbers, and under Clause 123420 of the Hurdur Statute, we can claim the theoretical evaluation of an asset as a legitimate expense — as long as we don't have ‘direct access’ to it,” said Leicher. “Basically, the painting's worth more if we can't see it, like visually.” Masheen claims she was directed to “just get rid of it” to “get that nerd from that damn budgeting department off our backs.” Masheen attempted to contact Buadgui via email, cell phone, and nautical flag signal, but received no response. “I didn't want it back,” explained Buadgui. “I think the lobby imprinted it with malice. I don't need that in my house.”

Unaware of his wish, TOXIC employees attempted to return the painting on numerous occasions. “The first time, we went to his house. The lights were out, but we could see him peeking through the blinds, so we left the painting on his doorstep,” said Masheen. “But he caught up to us and threw it in

the back of the truck when we weren't looking. It sort of went downhill from there.”

“Yeah, they kept coming with the car, so I had to get roller skates,” claimed Buadgui, “but then they started trying these little tricks. One time they all wore fake mustaches and tried to tell me I won a free raft, but I only fell for that one once.” In total, the painting changed hands at least 219 times by the time the roller-skating exchange was documented by bystanders and posted to TikTok. “Every time the painting ‘went missing’ it technically grew more valuable,” explained Leicher, “so even though we were throwing away thousands of dollars on those fake mustaches, on the net, we were still making money.” TOXIC has chosen not to press charges against Buadgui, who commented, “I formed some lifelong friendships from this whole saga. We've even started getting coffee together, painting free, of course.”



# Scientists Discover Where the Time Goes



PHOTO BY AMIT ROTH

“Quick, get a bucket; all our time is running down the drain!” exclaimed one scientist.

BY MADELINE MOZAFARI  
*Eepy Beepy Princess*

In an article published in *Nature*, physicists Herbert Partridge, Romina Petri, and their team of “over-worked graduate students” revealed the results of their decades-long study. The article, titled “Where Does the Time Go? A Theoretical and Practical Analysis,” was the culmination of a lifetime of work spent answering the age-old question. When asked why he chose this field of study, Partridge stated, “It’s a very common phrase. Every birthday, every Thursday, even every time the clock strikes 10:30, I utter the words, ‘Where does the time go?’ I wanted answers. So I researched harder than anyone has ever researched — and I figured it out. I did it. I am now, finally, going to retire.” Dr. Partridge

resigned from his position at Yale last month at the age of 89 and stated that he would include all of his post-docs in his will.

Dr. Petri’s independent research on the fluidity of time was also cited. Her research states that time is “very much physically similar to Mountain Dew Baja Blast, only purple.” An article she published in 2008 claims that “given you’ve stolen enough of it, time is actually drinkable.” The study was largely discredited due to its neglecting to outline a study design, but there was some speculation that time theft and mistreatment of grad students were involved.

For the study, Drs. Partridge, Petri, and their team put together a longitudinal study following a population-representative sample of 20,000 Americans. The participants were

intermittently asked to account for where they were when they last felt that time had slipped by. They were also asked to report every time “the day got away from them,” as well as if they ever felt like they had time “on their hands.” Data was collected for over 30 years, and the results revealed that when Americans felt like they had lost time, it “actually went straight into the capitalists’ pockets.”

The article states: “People’s perception of time is nonlinear, of course, but every year they wonder what happened to all the hours they were supposed to have, why none of the trips they wanted to go on panned out, and why they never have a moment’s peace seemingly ever. The working American doesn’t have the time to do all the things they want to do because it’s actually being stolen from right under their

noses. Working for more than 40 hours a week turns your time into money, but not for you! It flows through a crescendoing vortex from your life into the life of your boss, then their boss, and so on, until it gets to the real bigwigs, where they get the value of your hours multiplied by their greed deposited into their bank account. Of course, they also have to pay taxes, and so all your hard work actually ends up in a Le Creuset dutch oven where the Monopoly Man sips it with a silver spoon.”

The article was met with a mix of praise and criticism from the scientific community, with some scientists questioning the reproducibility of the study, and some praising the Partridge & Petri lab for their commitment to bringing the truth about the work week to light.

## SDPD Union Asks Public to ‘Stop Being Mean’



PHOTO BY DYLAN SCHMIDT

“Oh my god, an explosion! I wonder whose job it is to take care of that,” said one officer.

BY JUSTIN XU  
*SocPub Crown*

Last week, SDPD union representative Johnnifer Tit released an official statement asking the people of San Diego to “please stop being so mean to our city’s peace officers.” The statement followed massive public backlash after several officer misconduct records and body camera footage depicting police brutality against a civilian were leaked to public viewership.

“Our jobs are really hard, and it’s not our fault we make mistakes sometimes. You guys are saying some really mean things and it’s hurting our feelings,” said Tit in a recent press conference. “My dear friends at the SDPD are the most bravest people in the world, but you need to be more considerate or you’ll make them cry.”

SDPD commissioner Pamantha Schetfordbranes described the consequences of the leak: “We’ve been dealing with a massive increase in

officer-directed violence by civilians. It’s very much hindered our efforts to increase civilian-directed violence by our officers.” Commissioner Schetfordbranes also defended the recent actions of her fellow officers. “I believe those in the SDPD, including those poor victims of bullying by the public, do their bestest to be good officers every day,” she said. “When they fail, we should listen to and empathize with them, not berate them. God, haven’t any of you raised children before?!”

Following this, many SDPD officers have begun using social media to promote positive portrayals of the police. Each post uses the tag #ACAB, which, according to officer Babe Ruthless, stands for “All Cops Are Brave.” Officer Ruthless had been regularly showing support for his fellow officers since the scandal. His posts contain uplifting messages about the role of police in community safety and well-being. “I also wanted to post some camera footage of

SDPD officers actually leaving a positive impact on our community,” added Ruthless. “But I couldn’t find any.”

In the weeks following the scandal, the SDPD has made every effort to foreclose the disclosure of any unreleased information related to the affected officers. According to an anonymous tip, SDPD union leaders have shredded unreleased misconduct records, civilian complaints, and incident reports. When asked about rumors that he was deleting related body camera footage, Tit explained, “We just don’t want people to watch us at work — it’s embarrassing! Besides, I’m camera shy. Sometimes, when I know I’m being recorded, I feel really nervous and freeze up. That’s how a lot of innocent civilians manage to get away!”

A week after the scandal, the civilian in the leaked body cam footage was identified as Red Frodgers, a young Black American man. Tit was quick to speak out about Frodgers’ character. “We have it on record that Red Frodgers stole

a Snickers bar from a 7-Eleven when he was eight years old. Three years later, he was caught lying to his teachers about his dog having eaten his homework,” said Tit. “This man is a known criminal, and a repeat offender at that. I believe the officers in question were just trying their very best to help when they fearlessly surrounded Frodgers and beat him in self-defense. What a group of real-life superheroes, am I right?”

The three SDPD officers who assaulted Frodgers were put on trial for use of excessive force, but were promptly acquitted on all charges due to a lack of evidence. “After thorough review, I’ve failed to find sufficient evidence to pronounce these heroic peace officers guilty,” said Judge Thompson Jefferson Gilbertson. “Though it appears most of the relevant files had been shredded.”

Frodgers, on the other hand, was convicted of resisting arrest.

## BRIEFS ALL THE WAY DOWN

### HOSPITALITY TO BE DISSOLVED FOLLOWING HDH MERGER

Residential, Retail and Supply Chain Services (RRSS) has officially been established as the supergroup of departments that aim to “activate the [UC San Diego] campus.” The largest unit merging into RRSS is Housing, Dining and Hospitality, and in preparation to “become one” with organizations that include the Early Childhood Education Center, HDH has announced that it is divesting itself of the three operations in its name.

“Housing was relabeled as the ‘Residential’ of RRSS, easy,” said Senior Director Basil Woodworth. “And we’re currently in the middle of divvying up Dining between ‘Retail’ and ‘Supply Chain.’ Then we got to the last

one, and learned it’s a complete *leech!*” Woodworth explained that as hospitality depends on the well-being of others to succeed, the department did not align with RRSS’ vision of being a “self-sustaining” service and will be cut as a result. The floating budget will be spent on the ink needed to start printing the Oxford comma in UCSD’s branding.

The absence of hospitality is expected to affect only those who purchase from dining halls, travel across campus, or otherwise engage with RRSS. Such patrons have been instructed to “love [themselves]” if they seek to maintain business as usual.

### DIAMONDBACKS BACKER BACKS TRAIN

In a move that reportedly shocked fans who claimed they were led to believe they’d been buying merchandise for a baseball team, the Arizona Diamondbacks’ ventures have expanded into public transit. Team owner Ken Kendrick, billionaire and philanthropist, explained: “Children and adults who love trains have had to watch this beautiful animal become endangered, and maybe extinct. I couldn’t let that happen.”

Diamondbacks fan Bisque Uit recalled that when he first heard the news, he “thought [he] was having one of those dreams.” Although he concluded he had not been sleeping, it was “still a dream

come true.” “Just think,” Uit said, “I can buy tickets to go to Phoenix from Tucson, and I’ll be supporting my favorite outta-left-field World Series contender at the same time. Seriously, why are we winning?”

To this, Kendrick responded, “My team’s success is like owning the most valuable baseball card in the world, which is the Honus Wagner previously owned by Wayne Gretzky — which I now own, by the way. Similarly, Wayne Gretzky also does not hold the title of knocking the Dodgers out of the postseason in the most heartbreaking Game One ever. So get on the Drick Train.”

### SPORTS FAN HITS RECORD SETTING PARLAY

When Shohei Ohtani created the 50/50 club on September 19, sports better Lassie Molah celebrated the historic achievement for more than one reason, as it completed her record-setting 417-leg parlay, winning \$5,000,019. “When he hit his second home run in the seventh inning, I screamed!” said Molah. “This win means everything to me. Every bet I’ve placed, every hour I’ve worked, every time I ate cardboard for dinner — it was all worth it for this.”

Molah reportedly used her win to pay off 43% of her debts, and is planning to

recreate her success in the near future to pay off the rest. “Honestly, I’m just happy she won some of her money back,” said one of Molah’s bookies, Jimmy “Nickels” Johnson. “I went over to her apartment to tell her that most of her debts were paid off, and she was so happy she quit her fifth job on the spot. I’m still garnishing her wages from the other four but at least she’ll have a couple hours to sleep every few days. It’s a win for her, and I don’t have to waste nearly as much time chasing her around with a tire iron!”

### LOCAL FATHER DISOWNED BY FAMILY AFTER CABBAGE OBSESSION TAKES HOLD

A local man has been banned from his town after subjecting his family and neighbors to “cabbage-related crimes against humanity.” According to his 17-year-old daughter, “One morning he came home from the grocery store with like, 20 cabbages and was like, ‘this is what we eat now, get used to it.’”

“He’s not even creative in his cooking of the cabbage!” his daughter continued. “He won’t ever season it with anything. He used to be alllll about spices and flavors but for some reason, Costco’s new buy-3-get-16

free cabbages offer flipped the whole script!”

After two weeks, the man’s wife and three children changed the locks on the house while he was buying more cabbage, and have refused to let him back in until he “loses the cabbage-tude.” In response to the man’s subsequent “public spectacle” through the town streets, the mayor issued an executive order banning him and his cabbages until further notice. He is now reportedly on the run, looking for a new “host” for his newfound wholesale cabbage obsession.

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**Interview a native speaker — 3.4%**

Find a native Pig Latin speaker and interview them on the contexts in which they use Pig Latin as opposed to English in real-world situations, while demonstrating a holistic understanding of the language. Go. Do it.

**Weekly journals — 2.2%**

Students will submit a 500-word journal entry in Pig Latin before class every Monday about what they did over the weekend. I am a very relatable and down-to-earth person who cares about your life. :)

**Recipe video — 2.9%**

Film a video cooking a traditional Porcine Rome dish while explaining each step of the process in Pig Latin. This will certainly increase students' awareness and appreciation of Pig Latin culture!

**Develop a new dialect — 1.5%**

Construct a dialect of Pig Latin based on the speech patterns of another farm animal of choice. Students will likely pull at least three all-nighters on this assignment.

**Research paper — 90%**

For their final exam grade, students will write an extensive research paper on the historical use of Pig Latin in espionage. It's recommended that students don't begin this until after the final lecture, to ensure they have a full grasp of the concepts and language.

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